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**SUGGESTED TEXT FOR INCLUSION IN PERSONAL LETTER  
FROM DEPUTY DIRECTOR (PLANS) TO CHIEFS OF STATIONS**

1. The Director of Central Intelligence has approved a headquarters staff reorganization which places responsibility for all air activities under a division of the Deputy Director (Plans). This division will be designated the Development Projects Division and the reorganization will take place by 1 February 1959. Those air staff functions formerly accomplished by the Air Division, Operational Services, DE/P, the Air Maintenance and Support Division, Office of Logistics, the Development Projects Staff, Office of the Director, and the Far East Division are now merged into one division. Staff economies have resulted while maintaining effective staff support for worldwide CIA air operations.

2. Additionally, the Director has authorized the Chief, DPD, to exercise command and operational control of the CIA air assets, upon the completion of an overseas survey of these assets. It is not anticipated that the present logistic and administrative support now provided by the Chiefs of Stations will be duplicated.

3. A survey team has been authorized and formed to determine what CIA overseas air assets are required. It is planned that the survey team will arrive at your station approximately \_\_\_\_\_. Your assistance and cooperation are requested.

4. The substance of the team's survey report will be reviewed with you by the chief of the survey team prior to their departure from your

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station. Your comments will be most helpful and are invited. Final action on the team's recommendations will be taken by the Director after a thorough review of all aspects involved.

5. Headquarters CIA does not plan to schedule and control local air support; this will be done by the air support detachment commanders, who will ensure that Chiefs of Stations' requirements are met.

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